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## **KINGMAN MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF STOLEN MAIL**

PHOENIX – A federal grand jury in Phoenix returned a five count indictment against Joseph R. Shuffler, 20, of Kingman, Ariz., for violations of Possession of Stolen Mail.

The indictment alleges that on December 20, 2006, Shuffler had in his position mail that had been removed from residential mail boxes in Kingman, Arizona. Shuffler was arrested by Kingman Police Officers as he drove a vehicle that matched the description of one reported to have been used for mail thefts from residential mail boxes. Shuffler was ordered detained by a U.S. Magistrate Judge pending his arraignment on the charges set for Wednesday, January 24, 2007.

A conviction for Possession of Stolen Mail carries a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment, a \$250,000.00 fine or both. In the event of a conviction, Judge Earl H. Carroll, assigned to this matter, will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining the actual sentence.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by Kingman Police Officers, and United States Postal Inspectors. The prosecution is being handled by Richard I. Mesh, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Ariz..

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